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County Administrator

November 14, 2024

United States Attorney Gary M. Restaino
District of Arizona
Two Renaissance Square
40 N. Central Avenue, Suite 1800
Phoenix, Arizona 85004-4449

Re: **Request for Investigation**

Dear Mr. Restaino,

On November 12, 2024, the Pima County Board of Supervisors voted to request an independent investigation by the Office of the Attorney General of the actions of Pima County Sheriff Chris Nanos and possible violations of the rights of two employees.

During the recent election, Sheriff Nanos placed two employees of the Pima County Sheriff's Department on paid administrative leave pending an investigation into potential violations of state and federal law, and internal policy. One of the employees was his opponent in the November General Election. Of concern to the Board of Supervisors is any potential violation of state or federal laws by Sheriff Nanos, which may include using his official capacity to impact the outcome of an election and/or repressing the rights specified under the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution of an individual.

We urge the Attorney General to act swiftly in this matter.

Please contact me at [REDACTED] or [REDACTED]@pima.gov if you have questions or would like additional information.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jan Leshner".

Jan Leshner
County Administrator

c: The Honorable Chair and Members, Pima County Board of Supervisors
The Honorable Laura Conover, Pima County Attorney
The Honorable Chris Nanos, Pima County Sheriff
Sam Brown, Chief Civil Deputy County Attorney